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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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### 1. INDOCHINA

DOS' MCCLOSKEY, ON NBC-TV'S "MEET THE PRESS" 4/27, SAID  
ABOUT 30,000 HAD BEEN EVACUATED FROM SVN, APPROXIMATELY  
130,000 VIETS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO US, AND VOLAGS WILL  
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ARRANGE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR REFUGEES (AP SUN,  
NYDN). ADDED THAT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS END VN WAR INCREASED  
IN RECENT DAYS, HINTED THEY INVOLVE SOVIET AND PRC (WSJ).

SEN MANSFIELD TELLS CSM US REHABILITATIVE AID MAY POSSIBLY BE FORTHCOMING FOR SVN IF COALITION FORMED IN LINE WITH C-F PROVISIONS; ADDS SUCH AID MAY ALSO GOTO CAMBODIA IF SIHANOUK RETURNS AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHED. SOME BELIEVE HANOI MAY SEEK AVOID BLOODSHED IN HOPES COAXING US INTO PROVIDING AID (SPERLING).

MOST PAPERS HEADLINE "BIG" MINH'S ACCESSION TO POWER IN SAIGON. GVN NATL ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTS HIM PRES IN 11TH HR ATTEMPT TURN MIL DEFEAT INTO NEGOTIATED

PEACE (UPI, NYDN). POL SOURCES SAY MINH WILL ASK US LEAVE SVN SO HE CAN ARRANGE COALITION WITH VC; UNCLEAR WHETHER US EMBASSY WILL REMAIN WITH TOKEN STAFF (CHITRIB). WITH SAIGON'S DEFENSES CRUMBLING AND NVA ADVANCING, SOME BELIEVE INSTALLATION OF MINH MAY BE TOO LATE (GREENWAY/MCCOMBS, WP). GIVING MINH FULL POWER CONSIDERED REMOVE LAST MAJOR OBSTACLE TO MEETING INITIAL COMMUNIST DEMANDS. US OFFICIALS MADE PLAIN USG INTENDS MEET ALL VC DEMANDS TO SAVE LIVES (BROWNE, NYT). VIRTUALLY CERTAIN MINH WILL HAVE LITTLE CHOICE BUT ACCEPT COMMUNIST TERMS (ISAACS, SUN). SELECTION OF MINH SHOULD PREVENT BLOODY FIGHT, PERMIT PEACEFUL US EVACUATION. POSSIBLE THAT US DIPLOMATS WON'T LEAVE SAIGON SOON, SINCE MAY RECOGNIZE ANY GOVT THAT RESULTS FROM NEGOTIATIONS. VC SPOKESMEN HAVEN'T CALLED FOR US WITHDRAWAL, BUT SAY MARTIN UNACCEPTABLE AS AMB (KEATLEY, WSJ).

NYT'S MCFADDEN DOES MINH BACKGROUNDER. MINH REMAINED THIRD FORCE CONSTANT FROM DIEM COUP TO THIEU ROUT (SUN). MINH'S PATIENT STRATEGY FINALLY PAYS OFF (AP, CHITRIB). MINH'S SUCCESSION LIKELY WIDEN FRENCH INFLUENCE IN VN PARLEY (LEWTHWAITE, SUN). VC REITERATE NEW GVN MUST ABOLISH PRESENT ADMIN, DISMANTLE WAR MACHINE, REJECT ALL US INFLUENCE (WEBSTER, MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, IN WP).  
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COMMUNISTS CLOSE IN ON SAIGON FROM 2 SIDES (SUN). AFTER 5-DAY PAUSE, REOPEN OFFENSIVE WITH ROCKET ATTACKS ON SAIGON AND HEAVY ASSAULTS IN SURROUNDING PROVS. SAIGON SIEGE MAY HAVE BEGUN (CAPUTO, CHITRIB). COMMUNIST ROCKETS MAKE 5000 HOMELESS IN SAIGON (BUTTERFIELD, NYT). SHELLING VICTIMS PICK UP PIECES; WONDER, "WHY?" (YATES, CHITRIB). AT LONG BINH, CAPUTO DESCRIBES TRAFFIC JAM OF STAGGERING MAGNITUDE AS VIETS FLEE TO NOWHERE ON ROUTE 1, "STREET WITHOUT JOY."

TWO FRENCH CORRESPONDENTS, ONE FROM "LE MONDE," OTHER FROM "NEWSWEEK," REPORTEDLY CAPTURED BY COMMUNISTS NEAR SAIGON (REUTER, NYT). YATES AND CAPUTO IN SAIGON REPORT

THINGS GETTING DICEY, BOTH MAYBEEVACUATED WITHIN DAY.  
HANOI PRIMED FOR VICTORY CELEBRATION(AP, WP). GVN  
EYES PLANS TO SHIP GOLD RESERVES TO US (NEWSDAY, IN WP).  
"NEWSWEEK" REPORTS THIEU'S DECISION TO LEAVE CAME AFTER  
ELITE GVN TROOPS DESECRATED ANCESTOR'S GRAVES IN "MOST  
DEVASTATING POSSIBLE REPUDIATION" (WP).

US RESUMES AIRLIFT TO GUAM AFTER 36-HR SUSPENSION TO

PREPARE NEW REFUGEE HOUSING (CHITRIB; UPI WP, NYDN;  
MALCOLM, NYT). REFUGEES ARRIVING AGAIN AT CLARK, AND  
SUBIC (RAMBO, WP). SEALIFT EVACUATION STARTS AS DOD-  
CHARTERED FREIGHTER BRINGS 624 FROM SAIGON TO SUBIC  
(AP, SUN). DOS OFFICIAL SAYS 5-10 STAGING CAMPS IN US  
WILL RECEIVE REFUGEES, MAY BE MIL POSTS. PRIVATE RELIEF  
AGENCIES URGE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS HELP FIND JOBS AND  
HOUSING FOR REFUGEES (HALVERSON, CSM). VIET REFUGEES  
FACE HIGH COST OF LIVING, RECESSION, POSSIBLY RACIAL  
TENSION IN US, ACCORDING UNIVERSITY SPECIALISTS (MORITZ,  
CSM). CALIF MOVES BAR BIG VIET INFLUX (WEST, LAT 4/25).  
HARRIS POLL FINDS MOST IN US FAVOR ORPHAN AIRLIFT (CHITRIB).  
PEDIATRICIANS REPORT ASIAN ORPHANS HAVE NO UNUSUAL DISEASES,  
DO NOT POSE HEALTH THREAT (STONE, CHITRIB). VIET BAZAAR  
HELD COLUMBIA U TO AID WAR VICTIMS (NYT). TWO VIET  
MEMBERS NYT SAIGON BUREAU, EVACUATED TO GUAM, TELL STORY  
OF DEPARTURE, ARRIVAL AT CAMP (NYT).

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NYDN'S BARRELL IN SAIGON NOTES GOOD LIFE OVER FOR FEW  
AMERICANS REMAINING. UPI SAIGON REPORTS DAO WILL CLOSE  
(NYDN). WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON REPORTS TIME FOR LEAVING  
AT "PENTAGON EAST" THAT HOUSED MACV, NOW DAO HQ. LAT'S  
MCARTHUR AT SAIGON (GLOBE) SAYS 6 AMCITS CAN'T LEAVE YET,  
SINCE THEY'RE IN GVN PRISON AND "BOUND IN RED TAPE."

SIHANOUK'S MOTHER DIES IN PEKING AT 71 (AP, SUN; REUTER,  
NYT). NYT DOES BACKGROUNDER ON INFLUENTIAL QUEEN. SIHANOUK  
MAY RETURN PP (WP).

PP NEWS BLACKOUT REMAINS IN EFFECT, BUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES  
SAY CONDITION OF 600 IN FRENCH EMBASSY REFUGEE BECOMING  
PRECARIOUS DUE TO WORSENING HEALTH CONDITIONS (AFP, GLOBE;  
SCHWARTZ, MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, IN WP). REBEL TROOPS  
MAKE BRIEF, PEACEFUL VISIT INTO THAILAND, TALK TO PROV  
GOVERNOR, RED CROSS (WP; AP, NYT). SEVERAL US OFFICIALS  
FROM UTAPAO VISIT FORMER GKR KOMPONG SOM COMMANDER, DO  
NOT REVEAL WHAT DISCUSSED (AP, WP). MOST KHMER DIPLOMATS  
ABROAD OUT OF JOBS SINCE NEW GOVT SAID ONLY THOSE  
APPOINTED BY SIHANOUK, PENN NOUTH, KHIEU SAMPHAN, NOW  
REPRESENT CAMBODIA. IN KL, ACTING PM SAID 1500 KHMER  
REFUGEES IN COUNTRY MAY REMAIN PENDING FURTHER GOVT

DECISIONS AND TALKS WITH NEW KHMER AUTHORITIES (WP).

2. JAPAN

INTL TRADE COMM RETURNS SYNTHETIC RUBBER CASE TO TREASURY FOR COMPLETION DUMPING INVESTIGATION, BECAUSE UNABLE FIND "NO REASONABLE INDICATION" INJURY TO US PRODUCERS (JOC - WASHINGTON).

CPI ROSE 21.8 PERCENT IN JFY 74 ENDING MARCH 31, ACCORDING PM OFFICE REPORT FRIDAY; HIGHEST ANNUAL INCREASE SINCE POST-WAR CHAOS.

3. KOREA

PRC, NK ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE STATING "COMPLETELY IDENTICAL VIEWS" ON KOREAN UNIFICATION, OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING NINE-DAY KIM IL-SUNG VISIT (WP).  
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4. INDONESIA

EX-IM BANK TENTATIVELY APPROVES 35 MILLION DOL LOAN FOR EXPANSION TO P.T. INTL NICKEL INDONESIA; SAYS WILL GUARANTEE PRIVATE LOAN OF SAME AMOUNT. INCO OF CANADA OWNS 75 PERCENT (WSJ - WASHINGTON).

5. AUSTRALIA

WEEKEND EVACUATION OF EMBASSY SAIGON BECOMES DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE, BECAUSE ONLY ONE OF THIRTY VN STAFFERS ALLOWED EVACUATE WITH DIPLOMATS. GOA SPOKESMAN SAID DOES NOT BELIEVE VC TAKEOVER THREATENS STAFFERS' LIVES. LP'S FRASER DECLARED NOT EASY RECALL "SO DESPICABLE AN EVENT" AS GOA HANDLING OF THESE PEOPLE, HOPED NVIETS WOULD SHOW "MORE COMPASSION THAN WHITLAM GOVERNMENT" (AP, WP).

GOA PLANS ORGANIZE NEW AUSTRALIAN POLICE FORCE, MODELED IN PART ON FBI, TO REPLACE COMMONWEALTH POLICE. IN REPLY CRITICISM MIGHT BECOME THREAT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES, ATTY GENL ENDERBY SAYS BILL TO ESTABLISH WILL BE MOST ADVANCED IN WORLD IN PROTECTING CITIZENS' RIGHTS (NYT-SYDNEY).

6. CHINA

THIEU REMAINED IN SECLUSION SECOND DAY IN TAIWAN SUNDAY; MAY MEET GRC OFFICIALS LATER IN WEEK, INCLUDING PERHAPS CCK, ACCORDING NATIONALIST SOURCES (AP, SUN).

ROBBINS (NYT) NOTES OPTIMISTIC EARLY CLUES GOOD GROWING

CONDITIONS OFFER PRC CHANCE NARROW FOOD GAP FOR PEOPLE,  
ACCORDING US EXPERTS. ADDS PEKING COMMITTED UNDER

LONG-TERM CONTRACTS IMPORT ABOUT FOUR MILLION TONS  
ANNUALLY, BUT HAS NO OUTSTANDING GRAIN IMPORT DEALS  
WITH US FIRMS THIS YEAR.

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SEN CHURCH, ON ABC-TV'S "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" 4/27, CALLED  
FOR US TROOPS WITHDRAWAL FROM ASIA MAINLAND, INCLUDING  
SK, THAILAND; SEN SCOTT (PA) ON SAME PROGRAM DISAGREED,  
SAYING SUCH MOVE WOULD MEAN ABANDONING THOSE NATIONS.  
CHURCH ALSO SAID SECSTATE SHOULD RESIGN UNLESS CHANGES  
ASIA POLICY (NYT).

WSJ'S JACKEWICZ REVIEWS ATTEMPT BY THIRD US TRADE MISSION  
IN LESS THAN A YEAR TO PERSUADE TEXTILE MILLS IN SK,  
TAIWAN, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND HONOR CONTRACTS FOR 1.3  
MILLION BALES COTTON AT TOTAL PRICE 370 MILLION DOLS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

CHAS YOST, IN CSM, MAINTAINS AMERICAN PEOPLE, CONGRESS,  
WERE UNDER NO COMMITMENTS TO MAINTAIN THIEU REGIME AT  
ANY COST. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN SAIGON, FINDS "IRONIC"  
THAT "BIG" MINH, LONG CRITICIZED BY US AMBASSADORS TO  
SVN AS INEPT, SHOULD NOW HEAD COUNTRY AT WHAT SEEMS  
END OF US INVOLVEMENT. DESPITE ATTEMPT TO GIVE MINH  
POWER TRANSFER SOME SEMBLANCE OF LEGALITY, SOLUTION  
IN FACT RAN COUNTER CONSTITUTION AND IN EFFECT MEANT  
END TO SYSTEM FOSTERED YEARS AGO BY US (BOTH IN USIA  
WIRELESS FILE).

WP'S RASPBERRY SEES EVEN "SIMPLE ACT OF QUITTING"  
VN POSING PROBLEMS FOR US: VIETNAMESE SEEM GETTING OUT  
FIRST, FREE, WHILE US EVACUATING FEW AMERICANS,  
FORCING THEM PAY FOR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS; WONDERS HOW  
VIETNAMESE ORPHANS CAN BE GUARANTEED ADEQUATE NOURISHMENT,  
HOUSING, WHENALREADY "THERE'S ENOUGH OF THAT TO BE DONE  
RIGHT WHERE CHARITY BEGINS" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT CONTENTS SUCCESS OF ANY SVN COALITION GOVT WILL  
DEPEND LARGELY ON US READINESS DEAL POSITIVELY WITH IT,  
PROVIDING GENEROUS ECON AID; URGES EARLY REMOVAL  
FROM SAIGON OF ALL BUT MOST ESSENTIAL AMERICANS. NYT'S  
LEWIS MAINTAINS AMERICANS SHOULD FEEL RELEASE, NOT  
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DESPAIR, OVER SVN, SINCE IT DID NOT REPRESENT USIDEALS

(BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN TULANE DECLARATION THAT VN WAR FINISHED, PRES FORD, TO SUN, SEEMED DRAWING AWAY SOMEWHAT FROM HAK; URGES KISSINGER JOIN PRES IN LOOKING TO FUTURE RATHER THAN BEING BOUND TO PAST. ANDERSON/WHITTEN CITE ALMOST UNANIMOUS OPINION IN BACKROOMS THAT HAK HAS MISHANDED VN ISSUE, HIS POLICIES HAVE BADLY DAMAGED US, AND SECSTATE IS ONWAY OUT (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). CHITRIB'S STARR FINDS IT "SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGING--THO PERHAPS PREMATURELY SO"--THAT HAK HAD NO PART IN WRITING FORD'S TULANE SPEECH.

LAT (APR 25) TAKES ISSUE WITH CONCERN OF GOV. BROWN'S ADMIN OVER POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA ECONOMY ANDGOVT FINANCES OF VIET REFUGEES WHO MAY SETTLE THERE; VOICES CERTAINTY USG WILL GIVE SOME ASSISTANCE.

WSTAR (4/26) APPROVES PRES FINALLY SAYING VN WAR "FINISHED" SO FAR AS US CONCERNED; MUCH AS MIGHT WISH DIFFERENT ENDING, JOINS "COLLECTIVE SIGH OF RELIEF" SURELY COMING FROM EVERY CORNER OF LAND OVER LIFTING THIS BURDEN FROM BODY POLITIC.

WSTAR SECOND EDIT (4/26) STATES IMPORTANT OBLIGATION REMAINS, TO REDUCE SUFFERING OF SVIETS, AND SUGGESTS ONE MEANS FOR SECSTATE TO USE EVERY CONCEIVABLE CHANNEL TO ENCOURAGE TALKS FOR "RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD."

O'LEARY (WSTAR 4/26) OBSERVES POSSIBILITY RAISED AMEMBASSY SAIGON MAY REMAIN OPEN IF WAR SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION WITHOUT FINAL BATTLE FOR CITY, WHEN REPORTERS QUESTIONED DOS OFFICIALS APR 25 ABOUT SEEMINGLY SLOW EVACUATION RATE.

IF DECISION EXTEND THIEU US ASYLUM HAS NOT BEEN MADE, CHESTER COOPER (WP 4/26) RECOMMENDS COMPASSION BE SEASONED WITH CAUTION, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIEU SPRINKLED UNCLASSIFIED

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RESIGNATION SPEECH LIBERALLY WITH VITRIOL DIRECTED AT AMERICANS.

CLAYTON FRITCHEY (WP 4/26) STATES CONGRESS FACING DILEMNA WEIGHING PRES' REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY FACILITATE EVACUATION OF AMCITS, SOME SVIETS FROM WAR ZONE AROUND SAIGON -- HOLDING OPEN EVAUCATION CORRIDOR COULD INVOLVE

MUCH AS ONE USMC DIVISION, AND USN FIGHTER COVER, WHICH SOME FEAR MAY BE ONLY BEGINNING.

NYT (4/26) DECLARES EXCUSES FOR AMEMBASSY FAILURE IMPLEMENT GRADUAL EVACUATION PLAN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO HAS NO RELEVANCE NOW; EVEN FIVE-HUNDRED OFFICIALS -- OVERLY GENEROUS FIGURE SUGGESTED BY IMPATIENT CONGRESS -- SEEM NO LONGER JUSTIFIED.

#### 9. CHINA

GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS IN PEKING (CSM) SEES PRC JOY OVER INDOCHINA TEMPERED BY REALIZATION COMMUNIST TRIUMPHS POSE NEW FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS. EVEN HARD-LINERS REALIZE ADMIN CONCERNED WITH US CREDIBILITY MUCH LESS LIKELY RELENT ON ANNOUNCED DETERMINATION NOT ABANDON TAIWAN WHEN PRES VISITS PEKING. BUT MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM POSED BY KIM IL-SUNG WHO BELLIGERENTLY LINKS INDOCHINA AND "COLONIAL RULE OF U.S. IMPERIALISM IN SOUTH KOREA" -- THUS CREATING REVOLUTIONARY EXPLOSION THAT NK WOULD ANSWER RESOLUTELY. BELIEVES PEKING DESIRE AVOID MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN KOREA IMPLICIT IN TENG HSIAO-PENG BANQUET SPEECH ASSERTION THAT KIM CORRECT IN DECLARING IN FAVOR OF "PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION" THREE YEARS AGO.

#### 9. JAPAN

CSM'S FRANCIS IN TOKYO FINDS JAPAN, WHILE FAR FROM IDEAL, "RATHER HEALTHY SOCIETY" AS SHOWN BY RELATIVELY FEWEST POLICE AMONG INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, FEWEST DIVORCES, DECLINING CRIME RATE, GREATEST LONGEVITY, IMPROVED AIR QUALITY (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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FRANCIS ALSO REVIEWS SERVICE PHILOSOPHY OF MULTINATIONAL FIRM MATSUSHITA, SO IDEALISTIC IT AROUSES SKEPTICISM; CITES ROWLAND GOULD (AUTHOR OF "THE MATSUSHITA PHENOMENON") THAT NEITHER JAPANESE NOR FOREIGN OBSERVERS FAULT KONOSUKE MATSUSHITA'S CLAIM HE WISHES "EXPORT PROSPERITY" THROUGH FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

CHITRIB EXCERPTS PAPER FROM MARCH/APRIL ISSUE "CHALLENGE", BY JAPAN ECON RESEARCH CTR PRES HISAO KANAMORI, WHO ANALYZES FACTORS UNDERLYING STRONGER ANTI-GROWTH MOOD IN JAPAN THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN WORLD, INCLUDING RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, INFLATION.

#### 11. PHILIPPINES

FULLER IN JOC DESCRIBES HOW RED-TAPE, LANDLORD OPPOSITION

DELAY MARCOS' AMBITIOUS LAND REFORM PROGRAM; ALSO REVIEWS  
INCREASE FARM PRODUCTIVITY THAT HAS PRODUCED BUMPER  
CROPS IN CORN AND RICE.

12. MALAYSIA

JOC'S STRAUSS IN KL FORESEES BIG ROLE FOR BANK BUMIPHUTRA,  
FORMED AS ONE OF FIRST MOVES BY GOM TO ESTABLISH RACIAL  
ECONOMIC BALANCE; INTENDED TO SERVE MALAY MINORITY WHO  
COMPRISE "SONS OF THE SOIL" WHICH IS LITERAL MEANING  
OF BANK NAME. KISSINGER

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